

# Walter Stewart Clan

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2015 Newsletter

<http://www.walterstewart.org/>

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## LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Stewart Descendants,

The 108th Annual Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan will be held during the weekend of August 8-9, 2015 in Fountain Inn, S.C. There will be events at three different locations in Fountain Inn throughout the weekend, ending with the traditional family meeting and noon picnic dinner Sunday at New Harmony Presbyterian Church. We hope you'll join us at all the activities.

We have new plans for Saturday this year. As we all know, it's HOT in South Carolina in August. Instead of a tour, we plan a cool afternoon in a private room at a local restaurant, Carolina Fine Foods on Main Street in Simpsonville. We will meet there for lunch on Saturday at 1:00. After that we will have our annual Stewart Family Executive Committee meeting (about 3:00). Traditionally the ExCom has met in the spring here in Woodruff where I live, but this makes it hard for those who live a long distance away. We decided this year to change the annual ExCom meeting to reunion weekend, so more can attend. This is the time when we make plans for next year's reunion, so we hope any interested family members will stay for this meeting and help us. We need fresh ideas and input from as many as possible.

Saturday evening, we will meet at the Fairview Church community building for a catered supper. This is a time of fellowship, renewing family ties, and sharing of family news. And of course we want to continue our effort to collect old and new pictures for our family archives; family computer experts will be on hand to help with scanning. Please hand in any news of births, deaths, and marriages in the family at this time.

Sunday morning we will meet at New Harmony Church for the clan meeting at 11:00 a.m., with our picnic dinner afterwards. This year I want us to especially recognize the long and interesting history of New Harmony Presbyterian Church, and why it is so important to our family. We old timers learned all this as children, and we need to pass it on to our children and grandchildren in this second century of our Stewart reunions. To help us do this, Cousin Lucy Peden Stewart #3845 of Jacksonville, Florida will tell us about the history of New Harmony and its unique relationship to Harmony Baptist Church which it shares the church building. Lucy attended New Harmony with her family as a child and her parents are buried there, so she is well equipped to educate us.

We look forward to seeing you during Stewart reunion weekend to renew old ties and celebrate new ones. As it has for over a hundred years, the call still goes out, bring a full picnic basket and join us. We hope to see you.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Stewart, Chief

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## 2015 Reunion Weekend Schedule

### Saturday, August 8 – Simpsonville and Fairview Presbyterian Church

- 1:00 pm Dutch lunch at Carolina Fine Foods, 625 SE Main St, Simpsonville, SC 29681. Ask for the private room for the Stewart family. Directions: from Main St. (SC 14) in Fountain Inn, go about 4 miles toward Greenville. Carolina Fine Foods is on the right just before Simpsonville city limits.
- 3:00 pm Stewart Family Executive Committee meeting (open to all, same location)
- 6:30 pm Catered supper, Fairview Presbyterian Church, 126 Fairview Church Rd, Fountain Inn, SC 29644. See map section below for more information. Supper will be in the Community Building across the road from the church. For reservations see order blank in this newsletter.
- 7:30 pm Fellowship hour, Fairview Church Community Building. Bring your family update sheets and old pictures!



### Sunday, August 9 – New Harmony Presbyterian Church, Fountain Inn, SC

- 10:00 am Registration begins, New Harmony Church, Reedy Creek Rd, Fountain Inn, SC 29644. New Harmony Church is conveniently reached via Exit 22 off I-385. See map section below for more information.
- 11:00 am Clan Meeting – Lucy P. Stewart, speaker, "History of New Harmony Presbyterian Church"
- 12:30 pm Picnic dinner on the church grounds - bring food to share. Drinks and utensils provided.

## CONVENIENT ACCOMODATIONS

<p><b>Convenient Hotels, all at Exit 27 off I-385</b></p> <p><b>Comfort Suites</b> 864 757-1552 3971 Grandview Drive Simpsonville, SC 29680</p> <p><b>Hampton Inn</b> 864 963-9292 934 Grandview Drive Simpsonville, SC 29680</p> <p><b>Holiday Inn Express</b> 877 859 5095 3821 Grandview Drive Simpsonville, SC 29681</p> <p><b>Motel 6</b> 864 962-8484 3706 Grandview Drive Simpsonville, SC 29680</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Exit 27 on I-385 (Fairview Rd.)</b></p> 
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## CHURCH LOCATIONS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fairview Presbyterian Church, off Fairview Road</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Harmony Presbyterian Church, near Exit 22 on I-385</b></p> 
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## Internet Resources

Remember that the family maintains a website at <http://www.walterstewart.org/> under the capable management of 3171421 Chelsea Clark. Resources available there include an archive of family photographs, including photographs from reunions dating back many years; the sections of our history for the first few generations of the family; past annual newsletters; and family contacts. Check it out!

If you can think of a webpage that might interest Stewart researchers or is somehow related to the WS Clan (like a business run by one of us or a genealogy resource), email 317121 Chelsea Clark (Clark.Cveta@gmail.com) and let her know. Thanks!

We also maintain a lively group in Facebook, which you can check out at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/44417056268/>. Or search on “Walter Stewart Clan” when you’re logged in. This group currently has 157 family members! It’s a terrific way of staying current on family happenings and concerns.

## 2015 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Chief of the Walter Stewart Clan is elected for life. Officers and house historians of the Walter Stewart Clan serve two-year terms. Officers and house historians are elected in alternate years.

The Nominating Committee submits these nominations for House Historians for the 2014-15 term. Elections will be held Sunday, Aug. 2014 at the Walter Stewart Clan business meeting at Bethany Presbyterian Church. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Polly Hellams, Nominating Committee Chair

House of Samuel – Margaret Sumeral, Laurens, SC  
House of John – Anne Shaver, Greenville, SC  
House of Robert – Alan & Kathy Fields, Cary, NC  
House of James – David G. Jones, Austin, TX  
House of Walter Jr. – Donna Skarloken, Tracy, CA  
House of Clark Berry – Larry E. Stewart, Kingsville, MD  
House of David Bobo – Clark H. Stewart, Glenn Rose, TX

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### Family Mailing List Enhancements

The Stewart mailing list has been greatly enhanced since last year. We all know and love the famous Stewart codes, which provides a unique number for every Stewart descendant...but there has been a problem in this day of computer databases with those family members who are the 10th or higher child in their families...because those Stewart codes don't sort numerically with their families. For instance, family member 1239 and his sibling 123.10. end up at very different places in a list sorted by code, because of the decimal place in the sibling's code. And the problem is even worse when more than one person in a line of ancestry was the 10th or higher child, since that means two or three or more decimals in a code. This problem was solved by setting up a "sorting" Stewart code, with 1=A, 2=B...10=J, 11=K, etc. So our hypothetical siblings now have "sorting codes" of ABCI and ABCJ...which sort perfectly into family groupings. That may seem trivial, but when you are doing your level best to avoid duplicates and address errors, it matters a lot! Other enhancements made this year are for the addition of fields for email addresses, phone numbers, a flag to send or not send the annual newsletter, and attendance by year. So hats off to 317142 Linda Clark and 317143 Judy Smith for their hard work on these improvements in the past year!

While on the subject of the mailing list...we try to keep track of everybody by asking the Postal Service to notify us of address changes, but sometimes this isn't available, and it always costs us extra money even to find that out. Please, if you're moving, if you're grown children have moved away, or you discover new cousins, please alert us! Send address changes to Linda Clark, 265 Clark Lane, Dorchester, SC 29437 or email [linclark@homesc.com](mailto:linclark@homesc.com).

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### Walter Stewart Clan Births, Deaths, and Marriages

#### Reported 2014–2015

**132.11.4211 MICHAEL BENJAMIN HARPER**, son of Michael and Tammy Pitts Harper of West Union, SC married Sarah Faye Nix July 5, 2013 at Open Door Baptist Church in Walhalla, SC.

**132.11.42111 BROGAN LEVI HARPER**, born June 22, 2012 in Greenville, SC to Michael B. and Sarah Faye Nix Harper of Clover, SC. Grandparents: Michael and Tammy Pitts Harper of West Union, SC. G-Grandparents: Herman M. and Jewell Henry Pitts of Mountain Rest, SC.

**132.11.42112 BRYNLEE REESE HARPER**, born February 3, 2015 in Seneca, SC to Michael B. and Sarah Faye Nix Harper of Clover, SC. Grandparents: Michael and Tammy Pitts Harper of West Union, SC. G-Grandparents: Herman M. and Jewell Henry Pitts of Mountain Rest, SC.

**151315 FRANK EDWARD OWENS**, Retired CSM, 67, husband of Mary Ann Armstrong Owens, passed away on December 5, 2014. Funeral services were held at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and burial at Dolly Cooper Veteran's Cemetery, Anderson, SC.

**17435 JACK TEAGUE STEWART**, 74, husband of Helen Annette Armstrong Stewart, passed away on September 28, 2014. Funeral Services were held at Warrior Creek Baptist Church, Gray Court, SC followed by burial in the church cemetery.

**262113 RUBY LEE KING SHELTON**, 85, widow of Marshall Cain Shelton, died on October 15, 2014. Funeral services were held at Mauldin First Baptist Church, Mauldin, SC with burial in the church cemetery.

**26223111 ELIZABETH VIVIAN LEAGUE**, born July 18, 2006 in Raleigh, NC to Cy Charles and Colleen Elizabeth Girouard League. Grandparents: Carroll E., Jr. and Elizabeth Gilham League of Greenville, SC. G-Grandparents: the late Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Eugene League, Sr. of Greenville.

**3163311 ASHLEY GWEN SMIRL**, daughter of Craig and Sherry Smirl, married Richard Curtis Norton on October 6, 2007 in McKinney, TX.

**31633111 CREAGAN DONNOVAN NORTON** was born February 4, 2014 in Frisco, TX to Richard and Ashley Norton. Grandparents: Craig and Sherry Smirl. G-Grandparents: the late John David and Cleo Irene Smirl.

**31634 MARY ALICE SMIRL ODOM**, 83, of Flower Mound, TX (widow of Hughel Young Odom), died November 28, 2011. Interment was at Moore Memorial Gardens, Arlington, TX.

**31634331 RHONA GAYLE PHILLIPS** was born July 26, 2014 to Austin and Sarah Phillips. Grandparents: Charles and Cynthia Odom. G-Grandparents: Hughel and Mary Odom.

**3163441 SEAN MICHAEL NELSON**, born September 25, 2001 in Dallas, TX to Laurence Jesse and Janet Odom Nelson of Coppell, TX. Grandparents: the late Hughel Y. and Mary Alice Smirl Odom of Grand Prairie, TX. G-Grandparents: the late Walter L. and Mary Rebecca Hellams of Dallas, TX.

**3163442 ALEXANDER MIKHAILOVICH NELSON**, born January 6, 2003 in Tomsk, Russia (adopted October 21, 2005) to Laurence Jesse and Janet Odom Nelson of Coppell, TX. Grandparents: the late Hughel Y. and Mary Alice Smirl Odom of Grand Prairie, TX. G-Grandparents: the late Walter L. and Mary Rebecca Hellams of Dallas, TX.

**31713 FRANCES SARGENT STEWART**, 85, widow of John Tinsley Stewart, died November 19, 2014 at Newberry Hospital. Funeral services were held at Lyman First Baptist Church, Lyman, SC with burial at Wood Memorial Park.

**31751 FRELAN O. VANMETER**, 84, husband of Jincie Louise Sperry VanMeter, passed away November 10, 2014. The funeral was held at Fayette Bible Church, Washington Court House, OH with burial following at Fayette Bible Church Cemetery.

**32115312 ELENOR LANG MAGURA (Ellie)** was born December 20, 2013 in Charlotte, NC to Christian (Buddy) and Heidi Leonard Magura of Charlotte. Grandparents: Mark Harris Leonard of Yorktown, VA and Gretchen Lang Barkowitz of Asheville, NC. G-Grandparents: the late Benjamin Rhett (Ben) and Kathryn Harris Leonard of Greenville, SC.

**32221122 JOHN WALTER BENJAMIN**, son of Thomas Steven Benjamin of Gray Court, SC and the late Evonne Benjamin of Laurens, SC married Virginia Brooke Childress April 3, 2012 in Fort Walton Beach, FL.

**35123 JULIA ANN QUARTERMUS BROOKS McCORMICK**, 85, wife of the late Thomas Frederick Brooks, Sr., died October 30, 2014. The funeral was held at McCormick United Methodist Church, McCormick, SC with burial in Overbrook Cemetery.

**35123131 ELIZABETH REEVES ANGLE** was born May 13, 2009 in Greenville, SC to Kathryn and Charles Angle. Grandparents: Thomas and LaMarr Brooks. GGrandparents: the late Thomas and Julia Ann Brooks.

**35123132 DAVID PARKER ANGLE** was born October 28, 2014 in Charleston, SC to Kathryn and Charles Angle. Grandparents: Thomas and LaMarr Brooks. GGrandparents: the late Thomas and Julia Ann Brooks.

**383131 ELIZABETH HASLEY BOYTER**, daughter of Charles Hamilton and Mary Jane (Janie) Conner Boyter of Atlanta, GA married Jeffery Scott Trubey November 24, 2010 in Atlanta.

**3.13.251 DOROTHY WILLIS OWINGS**, 92, widow of James William Owings passed away peacefully on May 3, 2015. Funeral services were held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Greenville, SC with burial at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

**3.13.253 SARA WILLIS GAMBRELL**, 91, wife of the late Hugh Morris Gambrell, died peacefully on June 5, 2015 at her home. A memorial service was held at Clemson United Methodist Church, Clemson, SC.

**3.13.512 JOAN FLOWERS STEWART**, 81, wife of James Marion Stewart, Jr., passed away on June 14, 2014. Services were held at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Florence, SC with entombment following in Florence Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

**3.13.5122 SAMUEL BERNICE STEWART**, 56, husband of Karen Michele Stewart, passed away on March 23, 2014. Funeral services were held at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Florence, SC with burial following in Florence Memorial Gardens.

**3.13.61 SARAH LOUISE GRIFFIN FULMER**, 97, widow of James Ambrose Fulmer, Jr. died on August 16, 2014. A memorial service was held at Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church, Fountain Inn, SC. Entombment followed at Cannon Memorial Park mausoleum.

**42736 JAMES ALLEN “BUSTER” STEWART**, 83, died on July 10, 2013. Services were held at Dutton Funeral Home Chapel, Iowa Park, TX with burial at Highland Cemetery.

**427361 THOMAS ALLEN STEWART**, 62, husband of Brenda Pruitt, passed away on August 18, 2013. Services were held at First Baptist Church, Ardmore, TX with interment at Lone Grove Cemetery.

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## 2014 Reunion Minutes

The 107th Reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan was held the weekend of August 10th & 11th at Bethany Presbyterian Church, near Clinton, SC. The Business Meeting was held at 12:30 pm in the church sanctuary. It was called to order by Chief Charles B. Stewart #31712 with a prayer and Hymn #286 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”.

Chief Charles requested members present from each house to stand for count. Numbers recorded:

House of Samuel: 1  
House of John: 1  
House of Robert: 73  
House of James: 2  
House of Walter: 0  
House of Clark Berry: 0  
House of David BoBo: 0

States represented were South Carolina: 60, North Carolina: 6, Indiana: 2, Texas: 4, California: 1.

The farthest traveled was 321121 Seth Leonard and the closest was 32211Doris Benjamin. The youngest in attendance was 317651 William Hunter and the oldest in attendance was 31712 Chief Charles Stewart. The least number of digits were Mary & Carl Kramer with 5 digits. There were 10 in attendance for the first time: from the house of James in Texas: Jim Stewart, Debra Stewart, 427331Bruce Stewart, Tiffany Henderson, Faerie Henderson, Claire Galiher, Bri Galiher, John Robert Stewart, Jr. and Amelia Burks.

Chief Historian, 31714 Mary Newton requested House Historian reports:

House of Samuel kept by Margaret Sumerel, Laurens, SC: 3 deaths  
House of John kept by Anne Shaver, Greenville, SC: 4 deaths  
House of Robert kept by Alan & Kathy Fields, Cary, NC: 12 deaths  
House of James kept by David G. Jones, Austin, TX: 0 deaths  
House of Walter, Jr. kept by Donna Skarloken, Tracy, CA: 0 deaths  
House of Clark Berry kept by Larry Stewart, Glen Arm, MD: 1 death  
House of David BoBo kept by Clark Stewart, Jr., Glenn Rose, TX: 0 deaths

Chief Charles requested a moment of silence for who passed before us.

Chief Charles reported 35 in attendance for the catered Saturday evening meal held in the Bethany Church Community Building. Chief Charles thanked those who helped with the Stewart Reunion: Linda Clark with help from her daughter Chelsea Clark for the Newsletter; Judy Smith for computer coordinator, Beth & Robert Hall for Saturday Evening Meal; and Tommy & LaMarr Brooks for Sunday meal setup and cleanup.

Parliamentarian Alan Fields announced that the office of Treasurer was now filled by Valerie and Les Jones. The collection plate was passed and \$374.00 was collected. A small donation of \$100.00 was made to Bethany Presbyterian Church for use of the Building and a \$50.00 donation to the Church Youth Group for cleaning the Church Cemetery in Preparation for the Stewart Reunion.

Chief Charles ended the meeting with the meal blessing and all adjourned to the Sunday meal.

Respectfully Submitted,

LaMarr Brooks, Secretary

**2014–2015 WALTER STEWART FAMILY EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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**ORDER FORM: RESERVATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Return to: Linda L. Clark *No later than July 31, 2015 for reservations.*  
265 Clark Lane Checks payable to Walter Stewart Family.  
Dorchester, SC 29437

Please continue sending me the Stewart family newsletter at \$2.00 per year for \_\_\_\_ years \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve \_\_\_\_ places for the catered supper, Sat., August 9 at 6:30 p.m. at \$8.00 per adult \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve \_\_\_\_ places for children under 12 at \$4.00 per child (no charge for baby in arms) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send \_\_\_\_ copy(s) of the Walter Stewart Family History book at \$25.00 (postage included) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send \_\_\_\_ copy(s) of same, CD version at \$35.00 per copy (postage included) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send \_\_\_\_ copy(s) of Centennial Stewart Family Cookbook at \$15.00 per copy (postage included) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Total Enclosed* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

## WALTER STEWART FAMILY UPDATE REPORT 2014-2015

*Please help us keep the records up to date on your family! Use back of sheet or extra pages if necessary.  
Bring this information with you to the Stewart Reunion, give it to your house historian, or mail to the Chief Historian:  
Mary S. Newton, 1 Bishop Gadsden Way #123, Charleston, SC 29412, 843-724-9221, mary@walterstewart.org.  
New family data can also be added at [www.walterstewart.org](http://www.walterstewart.org).  
A small donation to defray the cost of keeping the family records current is always appreciated.*

### BIRTHS

This child is #\_\_\_ in this family.

Child's Stewart code (if known) and full name:

Date and place of birth:

Father's full name and occupation:

Mother's full name and occupation:

Paternal grandparents' names and residence:

Maternal grandparents' names and residence:

Family's mailing address:

### MARRIAGES

Descendant's Stewart code (if known) and full name:

Date and place of marriage:

Spouse's date of birth:

Spouse's parents and place of residence:

Descendant's parents and mailing address:

### DEATHS

*Please enclose a copy of the obituary if available.*

Stewart code (if known) and full name:

Age of deceased:

Date of death:

Place of burial (cemetery, city, and state):

Occupation (before retirement):

Last address:

Name of spouse:

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Your Name:

Phone:

E-mail:

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Address:

City:

State:

Zip-code:

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